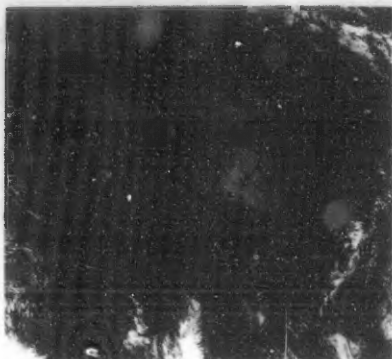




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AGRICULTURE

1987-88 1988-89 1989-90

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| Gross value of agriculture | \$m | 19,963 | 22,805 | 23,564 |
| Crops | \$m | 7,639 | 9,608 | 9,852 |
| Livestock slaughtering etc | \$m | 5,074 | 5,302 | 5,897 |
| Livestock products | \$m | 7,247 | 7,911 | 7,807 |
| Wheat production | 000 t | 12,287 | 13,935 | 14,214 |
| Wool production | 000 t | 730 | 769 | 842 |
| Meat production (excl poultry) | 000 t | 2,471 | 2,343 | 2,622 |

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

| | | | | |
|--|-----|---------|---------|---------|
| Balance on current account | \$m | -11,279 | -18,525 | -22,250 |
| Balance of merchandise trade (BOP basis) | \$m | 155 | -3,959 | -3,176 |
| Net services | \$m | -2,596 | -3,145 | -4,383 |
| Net income | \$m | -10,502 | -13,619 | -17,037 |
| Net unrequited transfers | \$m | 1,664 | 2,198 | 2,346 |
| Balance on capital account | \$m | 11,251 | 18,555 | 14,534 |
| Total official | \$m | 770 | 1,801 | 442 |
| Total non-official | \$m | 10,481 | 16,754 | 14,092 |

BUILDING

| | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|-------|--------|--------|
| New houses completed | 000 | 93 | 116 | 118 |
| New other dwellings completed | 000 | 26 | 35 | 42 |
| Value of new dwellings completed | \$m | 7,334 | 10,460 | 12,809 |
| Value of other buildings completed | \$m | 9,851 | 12,346 | 14,184 |

Symbols used in this brochure:

- p —preliminary figure
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 included in totals where applicable)

Australia comprises a land area of 7,682,300 square kilometres. The land lies between latitudes 10° 41'S. (Cape York) and 43° 39'S. (South Cape, Tasmania) and between longitudes 113° 09'E. (Steep Point) and 153° 39'E. (Cape Byron). The most southerly point on the mainland is South Point (Wilson's Promontory) 39° 08'S.

Satellite image courtesy of SIMAP, Canberra

| FOREIGN TRADE | | 1987-88 | 1988-89 | 1989-90 |
|--|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total exports f.o.b. | \$m | 41,078 | 43,517 | 49,090 |
| Total imports (customs value) | \$m | 40,597 | 47,039 | 51,332 |
| Percentage of total exports to— | | | | |
| Japan | per cent | 26.0 | 27.2 | 26.1 |
| EEC | per cent | 15.6 | 13.8 | 13.9 |
| Percentage of total imports from— | | | | |
| Japan | per cent | 19.3 | 20.7 | 19.2 |
| USA | per cent | 21.0 | 21.5 | 24.1 |
| Major export commodities, f.o.b. | | | | |
| Metaliferous ores and metal scrap | \$m | 5,285 | 6,349 | 7,333 |
| Coal, coke and briquettes | \$m | 4,849 | 4,738 | 5,907 |
| Machinery and transport equipment | \$m | 2,732 | 2,721 | 3,596 |
| Wool (greasy) | \$m | 4,274 | 4,611 | 3,351 |
| Gold, non-monetary | \$m | 2,445 | 2,496 | 2,839 |
| Meat of sheep, goats and bovine animals (fresh, chilled, frozen) | \$m | 2,358 | 2,034 | 2,671 |
| Wheat | \$m | 1,775 | 2,114 | 2,560 |
| Sugar raw | \$m | 667 | 851 | 1,049 |
| Major import commodities (customs value) | | | | |
| Machinery | \$m | 12,169 | 13,780 | 15,589 |
| Transport equipment | \$m | 4,200 | 6,843 | 7,862 |
| Chemicals and related products | \$m | 4,276 | 4,985 | 5,235 |

| HEALTH | | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Beds at 30 June | | | | |
| Recognised (public) | | | | |
| hospitals | no | 65,793 | 65,013 | 63,574 |
| Private hospitals | no | 21,657 | 22,067 | 21,909 |
| Day surgery hospitals | no | — | — | 331 |
| All beds | no | 87,450 | 87,080 | 85,814 |
| Beds | per '000 population | 5.3 | 5.2 | 5.0 |

| | Average annual rainfall mm | Average daily hours of sunshine | Average Temperature | | | |
|-----------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | | January | | July | |
| | | | Max. °C | Min. °C | Max. °C | Min. °C |
| Sydney | 1,227 | 6.8 | 25.8 | 18.5 | 18.1 | 7.9 |
| Melbourne | 655 | 5.7 | 26.0 | 13.3 | 12.8 | 5.0 |
| Brisbane | 1,209 | 7.9 | 29.1 | 20.9 | 20.6 | 9.5 |
| Adelaide | 530 | 7.7 | 27.8 | 15.5 | 14.8 | 6.8 |
| Perth | 849 | 7.9 | 31.4 | 16.7 | 17.6 | 8.0 |
| Hobart | 630 | 5.9 | 21.5 | 11.7 | 11.5 | 4.4 |
| Darwin | 1,655 | 8.5 | 31.8 | 24.8 | 30.4 | 18.3 |
| Canberra | 630 | 7.5 | 27.7 | 12.9 | 11.1 | -0.3 |

Source: Bureau of Meteorology

DEMOGRAPHY

1979-80 1984-85 1989-90

Population and vitals

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Population at 30 June | '000 | 14,695.4 | 15,788.3 | 17,085.4 |
| aged less than 15 | per cent | 25.3 | 23.6 | 21.9 |
| aged 15-64 | per cent | 65.1 | 66.1 | 66.9 |
| aged 65 and over | per cent | 9.6 | 10.3 | 11.2 |
| Births | '000 | 224 | 242 | 258 |
| overseas born mothers | per cent | n.a. | 23.2 | 24.2 |
| Australian born mothers | per cent | n.a. | 76.8 | 75.8 |
| Deaths | '000 | 107 | 114 | 125 |
| Marriages | '000 | 107 | 115 | 117 |
| Divorces(a) | '000 | 39 | 40 | 43 |

(a) Calendar years 1980, 1985 and 1990

Overseas movements

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Net permanent and long-term movement | '000 | 77 | 68 | 104 |
| Visitor arrivals, short-term | '000 | 877 | 1,062 | 2,147 |
| Resident departures, short-term | '000 | 1,205 | 1,498 | 2,088 |

EXCHANGE RATES (average)

1987-88 1988-89 1989-90

| | | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|
| United States dollar | units per \$A | 0.7290 | 0.8160 | 0.7697 |
| United Kingdom pound | units per \$A | 0.4167 | 0.4755 | 0.4733 |
| West German mark | units per \$A | 1.262 | 1.512 | 1.367 |
| Japanese yen | units per \$A | 97.58 | 106.95 | 113.27 |

FINANCE

Government finance

| | | | | |
|--|-----|---------|---------|---------|
| Revenue (all governments) | \$m | 110,870 | 123,768 | 132,873 |
| Cwth income tax, persons | \$m | 41,887 | 47,537 | 50,020 |
| Other Cwth government taxes | \$m | 32,994 | 35,797 | 40,491 |
| State and local government taxes | \$m | 19,010 | 22,103 | 24,124 |
| Total outlay (all governments) | \$m | 115,721 | 123,728 | 140,452 |
| Final consumption expenditure | \$m | 46,725 | 50,652 | 55,128 |
| Personal benefit payments to residents | \$m | 27,829 | 29,365 | 32,511 |
| Expenditure on new fixed assets | \$m | 17,636 | 18,805 | 21,827 |

Private finance

| | | | | |
|--|-----|---------|---------|---------|
| All bank deposits(a) | \$m | 123,218 | 159,307 | 183,430 |
| June balances | | | | |
| Housing finance commitments to individuals | \$m | 2,149 | 2,736 | 14,059 |
| Trading banks | \$m | 14,027 | 16,068 | |
| Savings banks | \$m | 3,636 | 3,045 | 1,879 |
| Permanent building societies | | | | |
| Public unit trusts: total assets | \$m | 9,452 | 10,818 | 16,667 |
| Listed | \$m | 11,718 | 14,857 | 10,987 |
| Unlisted | | | | |
| Cash management | \$m | 3,690 | 3,749 | 4,547 |

(a) Source: Reserve Bank of Australia

Hospitals at 30 June

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| Recognised (public) hospitals | no. | 729 | 723 | 702 |
| Private hospitals | no. | 335 | 337 | 330 |
| Day surgery hospitals | no. | — | — | 40 |
| All hospitals | no. | 1,064 | 1,060 | 1,072 |

Major causes of death

| | | 1979 | 1984 | 1989 |
|----------------------------------|-----|---------|---------|---------|
| Heart disease | no. | 38,197 | 37,727 | 40,281 |
| Malignant neoplasms (cancer) | no. | 22,138 | 25,820 | 30,144 |
| Cerebrovascular disease (stroke) | no. | 13,432 | 12,680 | 12,579 |
| Respiratory disease | no. | 7,174 | 7,802 | 10,811 |
| Accidents | no. | 6,399 | 5,176 | 5,621 |
| Suicide | no. | 1,677 | 1,712 | 2,098 |
| Total deaths | no. | 106,568 | 109,914 | 124,232 |

Source: Department of Community Services and Health.

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS: AUSTRALIA AND SELECTED COUNTRIES

| Country | Estimated population (millions) | Surface area km ² ('000) | Population density (per km ² of surface area) |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Australia | 16.87 | 7,682.3 | 2 |
| Canada | 26.52 | 9,976.1 | 3 |
| France | 56.14 | 551.5 | 102 |
| Germany(a) | 77.57 | 357.0 | 220 |
| Italy | 57.05 | 301.3 | 191 |
| Japan | 123.46 | 377.8 | 327 |
| New Zealand | 3.39 | 271.0 | 12 |
| United Kingdom | 57.24 | 244.1 | 234 |
| United States of America | 249.22 | 9,372.6 | 27 |

(a) Includes Federal and Democratic Republics

Sources: 1989 Demographic Year Book, United Nations.

1990 World Health Statistics Annual, WHO, Geneva, 1991

| | Birth rate (per 1000) (a) | 1989-90 CPI (1985=100.0) |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Australia | 15.0 | 141.9 |
| Canada | 14.1 | 121.7 |
| France | 13.8 | 114.3 |
| Germany(L) | 10.7 | 105.5 |
| Italy | 9.9 | 127.6 |
| Japan | 11.3 | 105.2 |
| New Zealand | 16.4 | 152.7 |
| United Kingdom | 13.6 | 127.1 |
| United States of America | 15.1 | 117.4 |

(a) 1985-90 (b) Federal Republic only

Sources: 1990 World Health Statistics Annual, WHO, Geneva, 1991

United Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics, January 1991

OECD, Main Economic Indicators, June 1991

| LABOUR FORCE | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 |
|---|-----------|-------|-------|
| Civilian labour force, annual average— | | | |
| Males | 000 4,745 | 4,856 | 4,953 |
| Females | 000 3,230 | 3,381 | 3,506 |
| Unemployed persons, annual average | 000 576 | 509 | 587 |
| Job vacancies, May | 000 58 | 73 | 50 |
| Trade union membership, August | 000 2,536 | n.a. | 2,660 |
| Industrial disputes, work days lost, year ended 30 June | 000 1,690 | 1,285 | 1,173 |

| MINING | 1987-88 | 1988-89 | 1989-90 |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------|-------------|
| Iron ore and concentrates | 000 t 102,202 | 97,618 | (a) 109,888 |
| Black coal, raw(a) | 000 t 182,254 | 184,047 | 194,836 |
| Crude oil (incl. condensate) | ML 31,297 | 28,427 | (a) 31,993 |
| Natural gas | GL 114,751 | 15,264 | (a) 20,077 |

(a) Source: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics

| MANUFACTURING | | 1987-88 | 1988-89 | 1989-90 |
|--------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Basic iron | '000 t | 5,544 | 5,875 | 6,188 |
| Cement | '000 t | 6,158 | 6,901 | 7,075 |
| Tobacco and cigarettes | '000 t | 27 | 27 | 27 |
| Beer | ML | 1,891 | 1,951 | 1,943 |
| Assembled motor vehicles | '000 | 338 | 365 | 414 |
| Electricity | MkWh | 136,867 | 144,854 | 152,956 |
| Electric motors | '000 | 2,844 | 3,076 | 2,804 |
| Yarn—cotton | tonnes | 20,667 | 20,504 | 20,787 |
| Yarn—wool | tonnes | 23,076 | 21,458 | 19,723 |

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|---------|---------|---------|
| Gross Domestic Product (GDP) | \$m | 299,783 | 340,786 | 372,172 |
| Gross farm product | \$m | 11,342 | 13,541 | 13,981 |
| GDP at 1984-85 prices | \$m | 241,889 | 251,212 | 260,022 |
| Gross farm product at 1984-85 prices | \$m | 8,216 | 8,108 | 8,924 |
| Gross fixed capital exp.—total | \$m | 71,096 | 84,767 | 88,967 |
| Gross fixed capital exp.—private | \$m | 53,771 | 66,552 | 67,158 |
| Household income | \$m | 236,137 | 265,705 | 295,012 |
| Private consumption expenditure | \$m | 175,746 | 194,847 | 216,530 |

PRICE INDEXES

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Export | 1974-75=100 | 265.0 | 283.0 | 298.0 |
| Import | 1981-82=100 | 162.0 | 151.6 | 159.1 |
| Building materials—House | 1985-86=100 | 113.8 | 126.1 | 135.8 |
| Building materials—Other | 1979-80=100 | 196.8 | 214.9 | 231.9 |
| Manufacturing | | | | |
| Materials used | 1984-85=100 | 111.4 | 113.1 | 119.0 |
| Articles produced | 1988-89=100 | 93.6 | 100.0 | 106.5 |

STATE COMPARISONS

| States of Australia | | NSW | Vic. |
|--|---------------------|--------|-----------|
| Area | 000 km ² | 802 | 228 |
| Population June 1990 | 000 | 5,827 | 4,380 |
| Crops (area sown) 1989-90 | 000 ha | 4,077 | 1,989 |
| Numbers at 31.3.90 | | | |
| Sheep and lambs | million | 62.1 | 29.3 |
| Cattle and calves | million | 5.5 | 3.6 |
| Output | | | |
| Shorn wool 1989-90 | '000 t | 303 | 143 |
| Wheat for grain 1989-90 | '000 t | 3,423 | 1,961 |
| Beef and veal 1989-90 | '000 t | 441 | 321 |
| Mutton and lamb 1989-90 | '000 t | 200 | 180 |
| Whole milk intake by factories 1989-90 | mil L | 878 | 3,787 |
| Gold bullion (dore) 1988-89(a) | tonnes | 14.2 | 2.7 |
| Iron ore and concentrates 1988-89 | '000 t | — | — |
| Tin concentrate 1988-89 | tonnes | — | — |
| Brown coal (saleable) 1988-89 | '000 t | 58,176 | — |
| Crude oil (incl. condensate) 1988-89 | ML | — | (b)18,698 |
| Natural gas 1988-89 | GL | — | (b)5,497 |
| Gross value of production | | | |
| Agriculture 1989-90 | \$m | 6,880 | 5,179 |
| Turnover | | | |
| Manufacturing 1988-89(c) | \$m | 51,691 | 51,622 |
| Mining 1988-89 | \$m | 3,506 | 1,616 |
| Household income per head of mean population 1989-90 | \$ | 18,471 | 18,181 |

(a) Includes alluvial gold. (b) Data from Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics. (c) Includes persons employed at end of year. * Excludes Jervis Bay Territory unless otherwise stated.

RETAIL TURNOVER

1987-88 1988-89 1989-90

(excluding motor vehicles, parts,
petrol etc)

\$m 75,471 79,964 86,660

TRANSPORT

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| Motor vehicles on register, June(a) | '000 | 9,544 | 9,806 | 10,081 |
| Cars and station wagons, June | '000 | 7,244 | 7,442 | 7,672 |
| New motor vehicles registered(a) | '000 | 489 | 588 | 648 |
| Civil aviation (passenger km) | | | | |
| Regular internal services | million | 13,267 | 13,733 | 19,961 |
| Overseas services (Qantas) | million | 24,536 | 26,517 | 27,055 |

(a) Includes motor cycles, excludes tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers

**WAGES, WEEKLY EARNINGS
AND HOURS**

1988 1989 1990

| | | | | |
|---|----|--------|--------|--------|
| Award rates of pay index—full-time adult employees at 30 June 1985=100 | | 115.0 | 122.8 | 129.9 |
| Average weekly total earnings and hours (incl. overtime), full-time non-managenal adult employees, May— | | | | |
| Earnings | \$ | 470.10 | 509.50 | 537.90 |
| Hours | no | 39.9 | 40.1 | 39.9 |

SELECTED ITEMS

| Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | *ACT | Aust. |
|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------|----------|---------|
| 1,727 | 984 | 2,526 | 68 | 1,346 | 2 | 7,682 |
| 2,907 | 1,439 | 1,634 | 45.7 | 157 | 284 | 17,085 |
| 2,580 | 3,042 | 5,174 | 83 | 9 | — | 16,953 |
| 16.7 | 18.4 | 38.4 | 5.3 | — | — | 170.3 |
| 9.5 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 1.3 | — | 23.2 |
| 73 | 108 | 195 | 21 | — | 1 | 842 |
| 1,420 | 2,607 | 4,800 | 3 | — | — | 14,214 |
| 627 | 101 | 107 | 48 | 26 | 7 | 1,677 |
| 32 | 89 | 96 | 20 | — | 12 | 628 |
| 630 | 357 | 266 | 345 | — | — | 6,263 |
| 46.8 | — | 137.1 | — | 16.1 | — | 216.9 |
| — | 2,346 | 92,977 | 2,295 | — | — | 97,618 |
| 254 | — | n.p. | 13,757 | — | — | n.p. |
| 74,118 | 2,675 | 3,800 | 356 | — | — | 149,125 |
| 1,583 | 2,403 | (b)3,205 | — | 2,537 | — | 28,427 |
| 600 | 4,827 | (b)4,072 | — | 268 | — | 15,264 |
| 4,784 | 2,567 | 3,369 | 627 | 142 | 16 | 23,564 |
| 20,091 | 13,067 | 10,580 | 3,835 | 542 | 430 | 151,857 |
| 5,188 | 952 | 6,492 | 503 | 1,144 | — | 19,501 |
| 15,340 | 16,189 | 16,094 | 15,110 | 16,696 | **21,783 | 17,456 |

Economics (c) Excludes single establishment manufacturing enterprises with fewer
than 5 employees. ** Includes Jervis Bay Territory

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